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BELIEVE INSTRUCTIONS ADEQUATE FOR NEXT ROUND. RE PARA 6
WISH NOTE THAT POSITION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY KHRUSHCHEV
ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS HAS BEEN THAT CHANGE IN STATUS
WEST BERLIN NECESSARY 1) FOR REASONS FOR SOVIET PRESTIGE;
2) TO PREVENT ADENAUER FROM ASPIRING MAKE BERLIN CAPITAL
OF WEST GERMANY (MYTEL 2887 MAY 24, 1961; AND 3) OCCUPATION
STATUS FACILITATES SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST
GDR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN
UNABLE LOCATE EXACT QUOTATION I BELIEVE IN EXPLANATION
POINT 1 KHRUSHCHEV SAID MAINTENANCE OCCUPATION REGIME
AFTER SOVIET SIGNATURE SEPARATE TREATY WOULD SHOW THAT
WE CONSIDERED TREATY INVALID AND WOULD BE HUMILIATING
TO SOVIETS.

GROMYKO HAS ALREADY MENTIONED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND
I ANTICIPATE HE WILL PRESS FURTHER ON THIS QUESTION.
SUGGEST THAT IN SUCH EVENT I STATE ANY ARRANGEMENT ABOUT
ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN WOULD HAVE TO APPLY EQUALLY
TO EAST BERLIN BUT THAT IN OUR OPINION BEST WAY TO DEAL
WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES IS SIMPLY ORAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN US
TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THEM SINCE THIS IN ANY EVENT
DEPENDS UPON GOODWILL OF BOTH SIDES.

SHOULD GROMYKO INQUIRE WHETHER WE ARE STILL READY TO
CONSIDER PROHIBITION ON ATOMIC ARMS IN BERLIN AND LIMITATION

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ON NUMBERS OF TROOPS, WHAT POSITION SHOULD I TAKE?

REGRET THAT SINCE BQD 37 NOV 30 DID NOT HAVE PROVISIONS
RE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN BRACKETS I DID NOT REALIZE
GERMANS WERE MAINTAINING RESERVATION. I TOUCHED THIS VERY
LIGHTLY HOWEVER NOT GIVING COMPLETE LIST BUT DID SAY
BOTH SIDES WOULD BE REPRESENTED AS WELL AS NEUTRALS AND
DID MENTION EAST BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY AS POSSIBILITIES.

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